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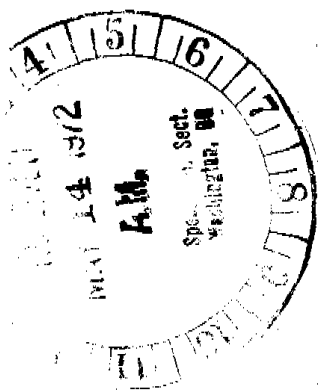
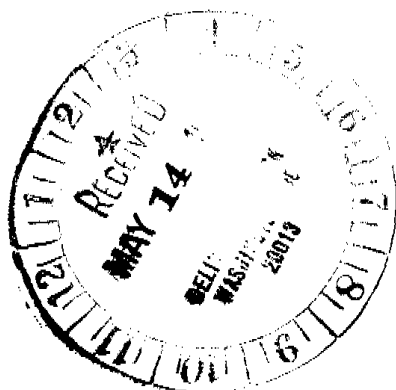


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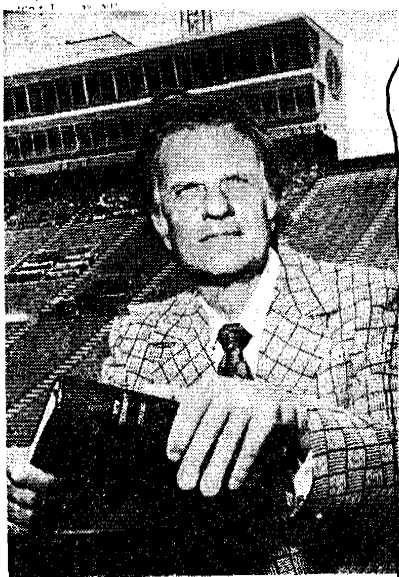


BILL GRAHAM

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Evangelist Billy Graham got his first look at Birmingham's Legion Field Thursday following a press conference.

Billy Graham Crusade to open 5 p.m. Sunday

The opening service of the Billy Graham crusade will be at 5 p.m. Sunday while the closing service May 21 has been moved back to 4 p.m., Graham announced Thursday at a press conference.

The round of crusade activities begins Friday when Graham and other team members speak at a breakfast for local ministers and lay leaders.

Dr. T. W. Wilson, an associate evangelist with the Graham team, will preach at the 11 a.m. service Sunday at the Woodlawn Baptist Church. Dr. Grady Wilson, another associate evangelist, will be pulpit guest at the 11 a.m. service at Hunter Street Baptist Church.

"An Unchanging God for a Revolutionary World" will be Graham's topic Sunday, he said, but the evangelist said he will also pay tribute to mothers. Sunday is Mothers Day.

The week-night services will be at 7:30 p.m. Myrtle Hall, a "young soloist who studied at Julliard School of Music," will sing Monday night, designated as youth night.

"The New World Singers," a folk group which has sung with Graham and at colleges throughout Europe, Asia and the U.S., will come in Monday through Saturday. Princess Dale Moon, an American Indi-

an soloist, will sing Wednesday. Steve Sloan, former University of Alabama quarterback and now assistant coach at Georgia Tech, will also appear Wednesday.

Janet Lynn, popular young Olympic ice skater, will speak Thursday night, another youth night. Tom Landry, coach of the Dallas Cowboys, will speak at athlete's night Friday.

Norma Zimmer, soloist with Lawrence Welk, will appear Friday through Sunday. All services will be filmed, with three chosen for nation-wide television in September.

A 6,000 voice choir of Alabamians is expected to sing each night. The Graham platform team will include Cliff Barrows, George Beverly Shea, soloist; Tedd Smith, pianist; John Innes, organist, and Ethel Waters, popular television star time team member.

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Graham cites Nixon peace offer

By Leonard Chambliss

Many Americans became so concerned about President Nixon's military action announced Monday night that they ignored the concessions he made to the enemy in the Vietnam war, Evangelist Billy Graham said Thursday at a Birmingham press conference.

The British press, Graham, a longtime friend of Nixon, said, analyzed the speech better than some American news media. Referring to "gigantic concessions," Graham said he doubted Nixon's peace offer could be compared to any offer made by a large power to a small power in the history of mankind.

The concessions, Graham said, are as extensive as a president can make them. As Nixon was pulling troops out of Vietnam he was "stabbed in the back," Graham said.

Refusing to comment on military strategy, Graham said the London Sunday Telegraph said last week that "America was facing a Dunkirk."

Unlike the action of moving troops into Cambodia, the silence of Great Britain and France indicates the two countries are either watching the situation very carefully or are supporting Nixon, Graham said.

He speculated that the enemy is paying more attention to the concessions than to the military action, and suggested the enemy is studying them very carefully. Saying the war has been going on "far too long," Graham said everyone wants it over and Nixon more than anyone else.

Turning to the upcoming crusade, Graham said Birmingham was chosen at this time because it is the only major southern city where he has not held a crusade. It appeared to be "God's time" and "the climate was right," he said.

Social issues are not neglected at his crusades, Graham said, as he speaks out on every major issue facing man-

kind today, but his message is so personal and focused on salvation that many forget the social concern statements.

Referring to his visit to Birmingham in 1964 in the height of racial strife, Graham said despite many problems still existing, more black young people have a chance to go to college today than in any of the major European nations.

Legion Field is "too big for us," Graham said, with his preference for a stadium half that size. He emphasized that many who come forward to make decisions are Christians rededicating their lives although many others will come to a crusade who would not go to a church. It takes five years for people to sort out their lives and for changes to become evident, he said.



Women's support for the Billy Graham Alabama Crusade has been mastered by the Rev. Miss Jean Baer, chairman of the women's council for the crusade, talking here with Cliff Barrows, music director and master of ceremonies with the Graham team.

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